

REMARKS

The Office Action dated 28 March 2003 has been reviewed. Paragraphs 0015, 0016, 0017, and 0019 have been amended solely for consistency with the rest of the application as originally filed. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 20 and 21 were canceled without prejudice or disclaimer in the Response to Restriction Requirement filed 29 October 2002. Claims 1-19 are currently pending in the application, and are respectfully submitted for reconsideration by the Examiner.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claim 5-13 and 19 are allowed.

Claims 1-4 and 14-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,007,844 to *Mason et al* ("Mason"). Insofar as the rejection is applicable to amended claim 1, Applicant respectfully traverse this rejection as *Mason* fails to teach or suggest the claimed invention as a whole.

Amended claim 1 recites a mount for an electrical device that includes, *inter alia*, a platform contiguous to an electrical terminal, which electrical terminal is contiguous to a generally planar surface of a housing. Support for this amendment to claim 1 is provided by the originally filed application at, for example, paragraph 0021 and Figures 1-3.

In contrast, *Mason* states at column 5, lines 21-41, that a contact element 32 (Fig. 8) is snap-fitted into recesses 68 and 72 of a socket means 10. As *Mason* further states at column 6, lines 65-68, the contact element 32 is soldered to conductive pad 22 of circuit pattern 21 so that the socket means 10 is retained to the circuit board 14. By virtue of this arrangement, a lower surface 62 of socket means 10 is thereby contiguous to a top surface of the circuit board 14. Furthermore, due to this arrangement, as shown in Figures 1 and 7, the conductive pad 22 and circuit pattern 21 are spaced, i.e., non-contiguous, to the lower surface 62 of a U-shaped member 34 of the socket means 10. Because the lower surface 62 of socket means 10 is contiguous to a top surface of circuit board 14 and spaced, i.e., non-contiguous to either one of the conductive pad 22 or the circuit pattern 21 (Figures 1 and 7), *Mason* fails to teach or suggest a platform contiguous to an electrical terminal, which electrical terminal is contiguous to a generally planar surface of a housing, as recited in claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 is patentable because *Mason* fails to teach or suggest features of the claimed invention as a whole.

Claims 2-4 and 14-18 ultimately depend from allowable claim 1, and are also respectfully submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons, as well as for the additionally recited features that further distinguish over the applied prior art. Thus, allowance of these dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the Amendment because the Amendment places the application in condition for allowance. Claim 1 has been amended to clarify issues previously considered by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully reiterates that this Amendment has not introduced any new matter or raises any new issue that would require further consideration or search by the Examiner, and would place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the Amendment and prompt allowance of the application.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

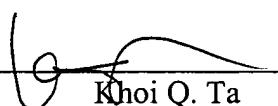
EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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